

**John Randolph to Andrew Jackson, October 13, 1831,  
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**JOHN RANDOLPH TO JACKSON.**

New York, October 13, 1831.

*My dear Sir,* Yesterday, I landed here after a distressing passage of six weeks from Portsmouth. . . . .

I have passed the night without sleep, in a high fever, almost incessantly coughing and expectorating blood. This will induce me, as soon as I am able to travel, to take the most direct and least fatiguing route to Richmond, and consequently to leave Washington on my right; unless it shall be your wish that I should appear there in person. In which case, on receiving the slightest intimation to that effect through the Post office at Baltimore, I shall deem it my duty to attend upon you.

I am glad to hear that your health is quite restored. Believe me to be with the highest respect and regard, my dear Sir, your faithful friend and Servant